

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### COMMEMORATING THE CENTENNIAL OF TROOP 1 CONIMICUT

#### HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 18, 2021

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, this Sunday, February 21, 2021, marks the 100th anniversary of Boy Scout Troop 1 Conimicut, the oldest scout troop in my hometown of Warwick, Rhode Island. Over the past century, Troop 1 Conimicut has served its community, fostered lifelong friendships, and helped its members grow into confident and upstanding citizens.

On February 21, 1921, three adults and five young men founded Troop 1 Conimicut at the Woodbury Union Presbyterian Church in Warwick. The Troop quickly grew, so much so that by the 1930s, it was the second largest in the Narragansett Council. By the 1950s, Troop 1 Conimicut had more than 150 scouts, and in 1952, produced its first Eagle Scout, Mr. Robert L. Richardson, who remains the namesake of one of the Troop's most distinguished awards. By the early 1970s, the Troop reached another milestone when Mr. Alan J. Whittaker, a Troop 1 Conimicut Eagle Scout, became its first "homegrown" scoutmaster. Mr. Whittaker's passion for the Troop is evident from his continued involvement to this day.

Throughout its century of existence, Troop 1 Conimicut has engaged in many meaningful service projects. Some notable examples include collecting food for the Rhode Island Food Bank and other pantries, compiling toiletry kits for homeless veterans, and packing backpacks with supplies to distribute to foster families. Scouts have also refurbished Warwick's Sand Pond Trail, repaired the band room at Pilgrim High School, and constructed a fire pit to properly retire American flags at a local American Legion Post.

Today, Troop 1 Conimicut continues to meet weekly at the Woodbury Union Church and remains an organization committed to mentorship, service, and growth. I congratulate Troop 1 Conimicut of Warwick on its centennial and commend its positive contributions to our community.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THOMAS YODER

#### HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 18, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of the Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Thomas Yoder on his appointment to Huntingdon Borough's newlyformed human relations commission.

The goal of the commission is to ensure equal access to employment, housing, and other public services to all people, regardless

of race, sex, ethnicity, and other protected categories. Local governments have a responsibility to ensure the constitutional and legal rights of their citizens are observed, and I know that leaders like Mr. Yoder in Huntingdon take that responsibility seriously.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I thank Mr. Yoder for his leadership and service to Huntingdon Borough and congratulate him on being appointed to this commission.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MR. ANDREW "DREW" DEGRAFFENREIDT III

#### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 18, 2021

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Andrew DeGraffenreidt III. Andrew was the perfect embodiment of the saying: "find something you love, and you will never work a day of your life", as he continued to passionately study and practice law until the very end with the sole motivation to help others. As a devoted lawyer he tirelessly worked to assist others and his community. We have lost a great leader, a loving father, and a dear friend.

Andrew dedicated his life to mastering law and guiding young professionals in the legal community. He touched many lives during his extensive and successful legal career that spanned over 43 years until his untimely passing. Andrew was deeply committed to his community and his legal career, and like so many incredible individuals, his story had humble beginnings. Andrew's first job after graduating from the University of Miami Law School was serving as a Research Aide for General Counsel of Broward County, Florida. He then served as Deputy City Attorney for the city of Hollywood, Florida, and later became the city of Hollywood's first African American City Attorney. Additionally, during his successful career Andrew practiced private law where he led his own law firm twice. Furthermore, his extensive litigation experience in civil law set him apart from other attorneys, and his wealth of knowledge ultimately led him to serve as City Attorney of Riviera Beach, Florida, a position he valiantly held until 2019.

From 2019 to the present, Andrew spent his time handling select cases, and serving as an insightful and experienced mentor to young lawyers. He truly embodied the ethos of a "life-long learner" and continued to serve his community to the end.

To Andrew, family, faith, and love was of the utmost importance. As a member of Christ Family Worship Assembly his love for others was magnified through his commitment to God. He was most notably the devoted husband of Mary Sheely DeGraffenreidt and the proud father of seven children: Tatanisha, Reghan, Shaundelyn, Kayla, Farren, Douglas, and Andrew IV.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Andrew DeGraffenreidt III has indeed left an indelible mark on his loved ones, his community, and will be a role model for future generations to come. He will be dearly missed.

#### CELEBRATING THE ARKANSAS AGRICULTURE HALL OF FAME

#### HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 18, 2021

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the admission of the late R.R. Reynolds of Crossett and Joe Don Greenwood of Hermitage to the Arkansas Agriculture Hall of Fame. These two Fourth District citizens are listed among those who have exemplified leadership and service to our state's agriculture industry.

As director of the Crossett Experimental Forest until 1969, the late R.R. Reynolds became one of the leading voices in modern, sustainable forest management. He maintained a commitment to proper agriculture education with membership in the Society of American Foresters, and he led the effort to create the forestry degree program at what is now University of Arkansas at Monticello.

Joe Don Greenwood, a 40-year veteran of agriculture education in Arkansas schools, led students to 41 state championships and 8 national championships in Future Farmers of America, 4-H, and Forestry. He also worked in tomato farming and served on various agricultural advisory boards, proving his commitment to agricultural excellence in all areas of life.

As an agricultural engineer and the only professional forester in Congress, I can attest to the significant investments these two men have made in Arkansas agriculture. Not only do their contributions have a positive impact upon our state's economic health, but their commitment to developing innovative agricultural practices has and will continue to have a lasting effect on our future.

#### RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM EARL STONE

#### HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 18, 2021

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of William Earl Stone who passed away on February 3, 2021. Earl was a fixture in his community and will be deeply missed.

Earl was born to Lela Bell Stone on March 30, 1937. He graduated from Guntown High School in 1957 where he and Elaine Cook served as Vice President and President, respectively. He worked at Toms Drugstore,

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